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## THE SCREVEN FAMILY.

BY THE EDITOR.

The record of this family contains the names of several representatives who fought nobly under the banner of the Cross as well as a goodly number who served patriotically under the banner of their country.

The first of the name who holds a place in history on this side of the Atlantic was the Reverend William Screven, a resident of Kittery, Maine, whence he removed to South Carolina near the end of the seventeenth century with his wife and children. She was before marriage Bridget Cutts. With the family came also a part of the Baptist congregation over which he was the overseer. He organized and was the pastor of the first Baptist Church in Charleston, and later went to Georgetown where he purchased a home, and it is said he was the original proprietor of the land on which that town is built. He wrote "An Ornament for Church Members," a work published after his death.

William and Bridget Screven had a son, Samuel, of whom we have very little knowledge; and this Samuel was the father of James, who married Mary Smith, daughter of the second Landgrave Thomas Smith, of South Carolina, who was a son of Thomas Smith, of Exeter, England, and his wife Barbara.

James and Mary (Smith) Screven had two sons, John, who was a Lieutenant in the American Revolution, and James, the General, whose record of glorious service in the Revolution when he lost his life most gallantly striving for the liberty of the Colonies at a short distance from Midway Church, Georgia, has been fitly, though tardily, recognized by the erection of a monument near the scene of his death, and by the naming of a fort on Tybee Island and a county in this State for him.

John, the son of the first James and a brother of General James, married Elizabeth (Pendarvis) Bryan, widow of Josiah Bryan who was the son of the Jonathan Bryan whose name is known through his service to Georgia throughout a long period of her history both Colonial and Revolutionary. The John of whom we are now writing and his wife Elizabeth had a son, known as Major John Screven, who married Hannah Proctor, daughter of Richard Proctor, son of Stephen and Hannah (Simons) Proctor.

The last mentioned couple (Maj. John and Hannah) were the parents of Dr. James Proctor Screven, of Savannah, Mayor of the City, December 8, 1856, to October 19, 1857,

and alderman from 1836 to 1839, and again from 1849 to 1854, and President of the Savannah, Albany and Gulf Railroad which, after several changes in name, is a part of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway system. He was for many years the beloved commander of the Savannah Volunteer Guards, and on his death his son John succeeded him. Another son, Thomas F., became captain of one of the Companies of that corps when it was enlarged into a battalion.

John Screven was Mayor of the City of Savannah three times, and was President of the Georgia Historical Society and of the Georgia Society of Sons of the Revolution when he died. He had also been a Vice-President of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

James Proctor Screven married Hannah Georgia Bryan, daughter of Joseph and Delia (Forman) Bryan. Joseph was the son of Josiah Bryan who in turn was the son of the Jonathan Bryan of whom we have written above. Delia Forman, wife of Joseph Bryan, was the daughter of General Thomas Marsh Forman, of Rose Hill, Cecil County, Maryland.

James Proctor and Hannah Georgia (Bryan) Screven were the parents of Colonel John and Captain Thomas Forman Screven who have only recently passed away, and of whom nothing need be said, as their lives were beyond censure, and are known to so many now living. They were both soldiers in the War of Secession with a record of which their relations may well be proud. Their lives, from a business and social standpoint, are all that could be desired.

The other children of James P. and Hannah Screven married, and their descendants are a numerous race, their offspring being well known people of this day bearing, besides the original family name, the names of other prominent families with which they intermarried.

A son of General James Screven, Charles Odingsell Screven, entered the ministry and became a preacher of note in the Baptist Church, and married a widow Jones by whom he had a son, Rev. James O. Screven, also a Baptist minister.